

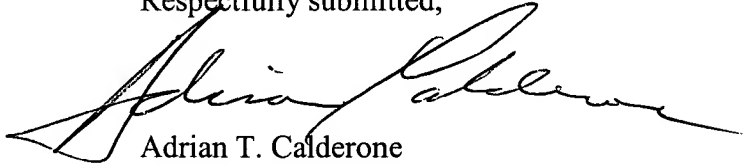
REMARKS

Claims 2-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251. In particular, the Reissue Declaration was deemed to be defective for failing to specifically identify at least one error. A Supplemental Declaration is submitted herewith to cure this defect. The Supplemental Declaration specifically identifies at least one error which renders the claims unduly narrow in scope. For example, the Supplemental Declaration states:

More particularly, claim 1 recites in paragraph (a) that the solvent is thermally stable, that the catalyst precursor is halogen-free, and in paragraph (c) that the hydrophobized particles are silica. Because it is unduly narrow, it may impact the scope of all other claims 2-18 which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the grounds for the rejection have been cured. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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